Public Law 701 CHAPTER 574

AN ACT

July 11, 1956
[H. R. 11027]

To amend title VII of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended, to provide for experimental operation and testing of vessels owned by the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That title VII of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended (46 U. S. C., secs. 1191–1204), is amended by adding at the end thereof a new section to read as follows:

Vessels.
Operation and testing.
49 Stat. 2008-2011.

"SEC. 715. The Secretary of Commerce, for the purpose of practical development, trial, and testing, is authorized without regard to other provisions of this title or other laws relating to chartering and general agency operations, to operate, under general agency agreements or bareboat charter, vessels owned by the United States (including any national defense reserve vessel) which have been constructed, reconditioned, or remodeled for experimental or testing purposes, in the foreign or domestic trade of the United States or for use for the account of any agency or department of the United States, under such reasonable terms or conditions as the Secretary of Commerce determines to be necessary to carry out the objects of this Act: *Provided, however*, That not in excess of ten such vessels shall be operated and tested under the authority of this section in any one year. Bareboat charters entered into under this section shall be made at reasonable rates of charter and shall include such restrictions and conditions as the Secretary of Commerce determines to be necessary or appropriate to protect the public interest, including provisions for recapture of profits as provided for in section 709 of this Act, as amended. Charters and general agency agreements entered into under this section shall be reviewed annually for the purpose of determining whether conditions exist which would justify continuance of the charter or agreement. Those provisions of law prescribed or incorporated under the heading "VESSEL OPERATIONS REVOLVING FUND" in chapter VIII of the Third Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1951 (Public Law 45, Eighty-second Congress; 65 Stat. 52, 59), which relate to vessel operating activities of the Secretary of Commerce and to employment of seamen through general agents, shall be applicable in connection with charters and agreements entered into under this section."

46 USC 1199.

46 USC 1241a.

Approved July 11, 1956.

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JOINT RESOLUTION

July 14, 1956
[S. J. Res. 110]

Directing the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study and investigation of Indian education in the United States.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter referred to as the "Secretary"), acting through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, is authorized and directed to conduct a study and investigation of Indian education in the continental United States and Alaska, including a study and investigation of (1) the education problems of Indian children from non-English speaking homes, and (2) the possibility of establishing a more orderly, equitable, and acceptable program for transferring Indian children to public schools.

Indian education.
Study.